

CLAIMS

I claim:

1. A device for retrieving objects, comprising:
 - a. an elongated handle with two ends;
 - 5 b. a base mount, affixed to one end of the handle, and extending transversely to the handle;
 - c. a series of loops affixed to the base mount in substantially parallel relation to form a basket with two opposing ends.
- 10 2. The device of claim 1, wherein the loops are formed from a single rod or wire.
3. The device of claim 1, wherein the loops are formed from a plurality of bent or curved rods with two ends, each end affixed to the base mount.
- 15 4. The device of claim 1, wherein the base mount is in the form of a rectangle or square.
5. The device of claim 1, wherein the base mount comprises two rectangular pieces affixed to each other in parallel by one or more cross-bars or pieces.
- 20 6. The device of claim 1, wherein the loops are permanently affixed to the base mount.
7. The device of claim 1, wherein the rods are removably affixed to the base mount.

8. The device of claim 1, wherein one or more of the loops is bent at an angle in two or more places so that the basket possesses a bottom face formed by the sections of the loops between two of the bends.
- 5 9. The device of claim 8, wherein two of the bends are approximately 90 degrees.
10. The device of claim 8, wherein the bottom face is flat.
11. The device of claim 8, wherein one or more of the loops are curved or bent inward along the bottom face so the bottom face is concave or angled towards the base mount in whole or in part.
12. The device of claim 1, wherein one or both ends of the basket are closed by a continuation of the series of loops, diminishing in size.
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13. The device of claim 1, wherein one or both ends of the basket are open, and further comprising one or more end-pieces attached to such open ends.
14. The device of claim 13, wherein one or more of the end-pieces are hingeably-attached to the basket or the base mount.
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15. The device of claim 14, further comprising one or more closing devices attached to one or more of the end-pieces to hold the end-pieces closed.

16. The device of claim 13, wherein one or both of the end-pieces comprise a single bent or curved rod, a grid or mesh structure, a plate, or some combination thereof..
17. The device of claim 1, wherein one or more of the loops is bent at an angle in three or
5 more places.